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In Flat, Plastic Floor Coverings :

McLean, Virginia
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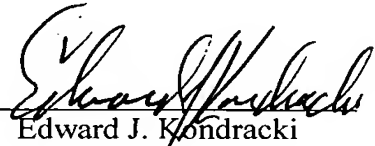
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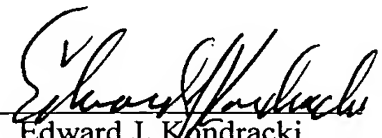
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